

Beaufort County

1. What does educational achievement mean to our community?

- (responses not listed)

**2. What is needed in our community so that ALL students can succeed?
(Strengths & Challenges)**

- Sharing best practices of successful schools in our community and statewide
- Close the achievement gap
- EOC needs to tell us how to make it work
- Keeping expectations high for all levels
- School Improvement Councils need more teeth, need community involvement
- More diagnostic information in assessment of individual students
- Salary for principals not at state level – needed to attract talent - Recognize differences between SC counties - salary may be high, but cost of living is high so salary isn't as high as it seems
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- Students need to see what income potential for technical learning
- Look for work keys model for selection

Strengths:

- Parent University (Jasper County) – why learning is important, resources available, homework
- After school programs
- Retirement home partnerships with schools

Challenges:

- Diverse population- mobile/ highly educated - 5-89% mobility per year
- Growing need for special needs schools
- Funding schools in a "No Taxes" atmosphere
- No incentive for students to learn- wages higher with/without diploma
- Don't have an industrial base for students to move to "no place"

3. What programs, partnerships etc. work well in your community to support all students succeeding?

- Davis Elementary partnered with local churches to have Saturday evening events for parents and students

4. What can we do in our homes and neighborhoods to strengthen our schools?

- Parents need to do the right thing – having children on time and clothed for school
- More coordinated effort between family-school-community